

UFOs IN THE WORLD'S LONGEST NAME?

(from the Guinness Book of Records -1973)

The longest name used by anyone is Adolph Blaine Charles David Early Frederick Gerald Hubert Irvin John Kenneth Lloyd Martin Nero Oliver Paul Quincy Randolph Sherman Thomas Uncas Victor William Xerxes Yancy Zeus Wolfeschlegelsteirnhausenbergerdorffvoral ternwarengewissenhaftschaferswessenschafewarenwohlgepflegeundsorgfaltigkeitbeschutzenvonangreifendurchihrraubgierigfeindewelchevoralternzwolftausendjahresvorandieescheinenvanderersteerdemenschderraumschiffgebrauchlichtalsseinusprungvonkraftgestartseinlangefahrthinzwischensternartigraumaufdersuchenachdiesternwelchegehabtbewohnbarplanetenkreisendrehensichundwohinderneurassevonverstandigmenschlichkeitkonntefortpflanzenundsicherfreuenanlebenslanglichfreudeundruhemitnichteinfurchtvorangreifenvonandererintelligentgeschopfsvon hinzwischensternartigraum, Senior, who was born at Bergedorf, near Hamburg, Germany, on February 29, 1904. On printed forms, he uses only his eighth and second Christian names and the first 35 letters of his surname. He lives in Philadelphia, and has recently shortened his surname to Wolfe + 590, Senior.

The following translation was done by a member of APRO (now defunct), Reneé L. Duering of Daly City, California.

Wolfes in Schlegelstonehouse (a) mountain village, in olden days were responsible sheepherders whose sheep were well taken care of (groomed) and carefully protected from aggressors by their robbing enemies, which twelve thousand years ago appeared the first man on earth, who had used a spaceship, light as his source of energy propelled his long journey here between starlike space, looking for the star which (is) inhabitable, (the earth) planet which turns around in a circle and where the new race of understanding (and) humanity could reproduce itself and enjoy a lifelong happiness and peace without fear of aggression of other intelligent creatures of the in between starlike, Senior.

Meaning:

Once upon a time, responsible sheep-

herders, whose herds were well taken care of and protected against robbers, saw 12,000 years ago, the first man, who used a spaceship which used light as its energy source for this long journey between the stars in search for earth, which is a fine place to live on; the planet which turns around in a circle and where the new race of understanding people could reproduce itself; be happy during a lifetime and live in peace, without the fear to be attacked by other intelligent creatures from in between starlike spaces.

(In other words, this name was to perpetuate the history of where the family name originated from. In this way the history would be passed on, never to be forgotten. Now, I wonder how you pronounce it??)

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1990 UFO SIGHTING STATISTICS

According to Louisiana MUFON, Vol.3, #6, Nov-Dec '91, over 10,000 UFOs were reported in 1990, made up of:

4,000 in the USA

2,000 in South America

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3,000 in the USSR 1,000 in the rest of Asia 500 in Europe

We are still awaiting the figures from Australia.

Interesting note: I asked Jenny Randles during the UFO Conference in Sydney just what percentage of sightings she thought were reported. The answer was 10%.

Personally, I think it is even less than that. I get a lot of people tell me of their sightings or experiences, and the first thing I ask them is - did you report it to anyone. No-one I have spoken to has ever reported their experience, many not even to their own family!

Back to the report: Data from Paul Ferrughel of the National Sighting Research Centre indicates that you are most likely to see a UFO between 9 and 10pm during January.

For the five year period of 1986-90, January, followed closely by October, was the peak month. June was by far the lull month, with February, March, April, May and December being strong months.

THE HUMAN LIGHTNING ROD

Roy Cleveland Sullivan, a retired forest ranger from Waynesboro, Virginia, was known as the Human Lightning Rod because he had been struck by lightning seven times in the course of his thirty-six year career.

The first strike in '42 caused the loss of a big toenail. Twenty seven years later a second bolt of lightning burned his eyebrows off. The following year, in 1970, a third bolt seared his left shoulder.

In 1972, after a fourth bolt set his hair on fire, he began carrying a carton of water around with him in his car. On August 7th, 1973, he was driving when a bolt of lightning came out of a small low lying cloud, hit him on the head through his hat, set his hair on fire again, knocked him ten feet out of his car, went through both legs, and knocked his shoe off. Sullivan poured the water over his head to cool off.

On June 5, 1976 Sullivan was struck for

the sixth time, hurting his ankle.

The seventh blow from above hit Sullivan on June 25, 1977, while he was fishing. He required hospitalisation for stomach and chest burns on that occasion.

Though he was never able to explain his peculiar attraction for lightning, Sullivan once said that he could actually see the bolts as they headed for him.

Sullivan took his own life at 3am on the morning of September 28th, 1983. Two of his burned Ranger hats now reside in Guinness World Exhibit Halls in New York City, and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

(Source: Charles Berlitz's World of Strange Phenomena, Vol.1)

FROM THE BEST OF FORTEAN TIMES...

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i) The Exploding Cat

Peppi, a cat adored and spoiled for eight years at Anmer Lodge old folks' home in Stanmore, London, went for his usual nap on a chair in the day lounge. "There was a terrific bang and a flash and he flew several feet into the air", said Mrs Irene McSweeney, the deputy. Some believed Peppi was enveloped in a 'blue flame'. Firemen, called to investigate, could find no obvious cause for the blast, and blamed "a build up of static on the cat's fur." If that is so, why hadn't it happened before?

ii) Raining Frogs

Falls of pink frogs on the Gloucestershire town of Stroud were recently reported.

The original report appeared on 24th October 1987 (Daily Mirror and Daily Star), saying that an unnamed elderly lady had reported to the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation (GTNC) that 'tiny rose-coloured frogs' had fallen during recent torrential rain.

iii) A Bomb out of Time

A man working in his garden in Athelstan Rd, Bittern, near Southhampton, looked up to see a five-foot cylinder on an unopened parachute and trailing wires dropping out of the clear sky. Edward Garnham said: 'It exploded twice in mid-air, dived towards my house and hit the ground, where it exploded in flames, wrecking my garden and greenhouse.' Police investigation established that it was a wartime defence device, of the 'aerial mine' sort and made in 1942. Where had it come from? Well, wherever it came from, it had been there since it was fired into the air between 1942 and 1945. No one will ever know.

iv) Japanese Treasure Troves

For the second time in 5 days, a man hunting for bamboo shoots found a bag containing 100m yen (\$1,000,000) in the same bamboo thicket near Tokyo. The total haul, according to the Guardian, was over \$2 million. The money turned out to belong to Kazuyasu Noguchi, a company president. Rather than pay tax he had left the money in the bamboos hoping that whoever picked it up would donate it to charity!

v) Coffin Coma

When a tyre burst in 1977, the hearse carrying Gerry Allison to his funeral on the outskirts of Los Angeles overturned and crashed tail-first into the front window of a rival undertaker's parlour.

The hearse doors burst open and flung the coffin through the window.

Bystanders were astonished to see Allison, dressed in white burial robes, stepping out of the shattered glass.

The crash had brought him out of a coma which doctors had mistaken for death.

vi) You wooden believe it!

Occasionally, someone splits open a tree and finds a frog, or even a fish, inside. Of course it's impossible, but it does happen...

*December 21, 1865: Angus MacDonald cut down a white ash tree and on splitting it found a live frog embedded in the wood. The tree was about 45cm in diameter, a and perfectly sound; the cavity in which the frog had been enclosed appeared as if carved out to hold the creature.

* May 30, 1905: A toad quickly died after its liberation from an oak tree split open by fellers in Norfolk, UK.

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*October, 1969: Farmer Heino Seppi was transporting lumber from the woods of Yrjo Knato, near Sikasalo, in the Pallonova region of western Finland. The trees had been felled the previous winter and were cut into lengths, each a few metres long.

When Heino split an aspen log he found its middle rotten, forming a hollow in which he discovered a dried fish over 40cm long. It resembled an unusually large perch, and there was no clue as to how it got there. All who saw the evidence were baffled.

vii) Lobsters in the Pants

Boston shoplifter, Winston Treadway, learned the hard way, not to go shoving lobsters down your pants, especially live ones. The eager shoplifter had already amassed a quantity of stolen food in a trawl around an out-of-the-way supermarket when he spotted a tank full of live seafood. Plucking two lobsters from the water, he stashed them in his underwear, and sprinted for the exit - only to pull up short in a nearby alley as the enraged crustacea clamped their claws around his genitals.

"When we saw him he was trying to prise the claws off. He was purple as an aubergine when we got to him," said police. Having accosted the thief, the cops called for pliers to remove the lobsters. Doctors who confirmed that that Treadway had inadvertently performed a do-it-yourself vasectomy later told him he might never father children.

viii) A Bird in the Pants ...

Altogether more ambitions was Thomas Waddell, a Baltimore man five dead ones stuffed down his pants. Waddell aroused the suspicions of police officer Ronald Pettie while in process of stealing the pigeons, valued at \$300, from neighbour John Styron. "He looked like the Michelin man. There were feathers all over the place," Pettie explained.

ix) Twists of Fortune

Bill Helko, 38, was over the moon when he got the winning number in a California lottery - the first prize was \$1,000,000-. He ordered a Porsche, booked a family holiday in Hawaii and had a champagne dinner with his wife and friends at a swish Hollywood restaurant. When he went to collect his winnings he found that 9097 others also had won first prize, and his share of the Jackpot was only \$100-.

x) More Bad Luck

- Ianni and Anna Deluca had to scrimp for 30 years to pay the mortgage on their house in suburban Milan. After the last payment they held a party and threw the mortgage papers into the fire, which then got out of control and burned the house down. There was no insurance: that had been sacrificed to meet all those payments.
- Convicted murderer Michael Godwin, 28, avoided the electric chair in Columbia, South Carolina, when his sentence was reduced to life on appeal. He electrocuted himself when he bit through a wire mending the headphones on his tv, while sitting naked on the metal commode in his cell.

xi) Returning Evesight

Joan Hornby, of Walney Island, Cumbria, had been blind since she was six months old. At the age of 18 she accidentally stepped into a hot bath before running any cold water into it. She gave a yell and found that she could see.

xii) Swallowed Watches

Brian Potter's uncle Dennis owned a small farm One day a cow nuzzled against his stomach, took his fob-chain in his mouth and swallowed it, watch and all. Later that year (which year is unspecified) the farmer died. Several summers later Brian found the watch, next a fresh cow pat. It was still going, though it was four hours slow.

A TITANIC SURVIVOR?

This one is published in the hopes that someone can furnish more on this story.

The European News Service claims a 29 year old woman has been rescued from an iceberg in the north Atlantic - dressed in early 20th century clothing, and claiming she's from the Titanic.

A Norwegian fishing trawler spotted the woman on a floating iceberg, about 300km south west of Iceland.

The woman who was suffering mild exposure, insisted the date was April 15th, 1912, and that her name was Winnie Coutts. It is reported that she was carrying a boarding pass for the Titanic also.

A psychiatrist named Dr. Jarle Haaland says "All she remembers about the sinking is someone pounding on her cabin door and telling her to get out. The next thing she knew she was being lifted off the iceberg by the crew of the Fosshagen. She keeps asking to see her family back in Southhampton, but they're all dead."

Apparently marine authorities upon checking the original Titanic records, found that a Mrs W. Coutts had indeed been aboard the ship when it went down.

"CURSE" CLAIMS ANOTHER EARL

Legend has it that the aristocratic English family, the Cravens, are cursed!

A recent car crash which killed the eighth Earl of Craven on the Eastbourne seafront in early September has police baffled. Simon Craven, 28, died when his car crashed into a row of parked cars.

Legend has it the Cravens were cursed approx 300 years ago, by a woman who claimed the lord of the manor got her daughter pregnant. She condemned all of the baron's successors to a violent and premature death when he refused to marry.

Strangely enough, since then, all the male descendants of the line have died young.

Simon's 14 month old son, Benjamin, is expected to be the ninth Earl of Craven.

